

SENATE BILL 4013

By Black

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to testing of students in grades K-12.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-1-2___. The department of education shall conduct a study to determine in each LEA the average number of absences of students who are English language learners and the effect of absences on such students' scores on federally-mandated high stakes testing. The results of the study on test scores shall be reported by number of absences in increments of five (5) days. The department shall report its findings and conclusions before October 31, 2008, to the chairs of the education committees of the senate and the house of representatives.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.